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Introduced:

June 26, 2007

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## COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

## By County Council

SUBJECT:

DPWT Docket No. AB680

<u>Abandonment – Portion of Unimproved Blaisdell Road</u> <u>Bradley Hills Grove Subdivision, Bethesda, Maryland</u>

## Background

- 1. By letter dated November 18, 2005, from J. Clarence Davies 3<sup>rd</sup> and Barbara S. Davies, the Applicants, application to the County was made to abandon a portion of unimproved Blaisdell Road in the Bradley Hills Grove subdivision of Bethesda. The portion of Blaisdell Road to be abandoned would extend from Burning Tree Road to a point 40' east of the Davies' western boundary.
- 2. A Public Hearing to consider the abandonment proposal was conducted on September 8, 2006, by the designee of the County Executive.
- 3. The Department of Police did not comment.
- 4. The Department of Fire and Rescue Services conditioned approval upon preserving an access for Lot 6.
- By letter dated September 7, 2006, the Montgomery County Planning Board conditioned approval of the proposed abandonment upon: (1) the applicants dedicating right of way sufficient to construct a permanent turnaround that will also provide access to Lot 6 at the proposed terminus of Blaisdell Road; (2) the applicants providing not more than 20 feet of public right of way for unimproved pedestrian access across the property to connect with Burning Tree Road and to accommodate public utility easements; (3) DPWT investigating any encroachment upon the current right of way by adjacent property owners; and (4) further consideration of the abandonment must consider all necessary changes to public right of way in connection with the adjacent Resubdivision (Bradley Hills Grove Preliminary Plan # 1-20060090).
- 6. Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission conditioned approval upon being granted an easement for its facilities.
- 7. Washington Gas conditioned approval upon being granted an easement for its facilities.
- 8. Verizon approved the proposed abandonment.

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- 9. PEPCO approved the proposed abandonment.
- The Department of Public Works and Transportation conditioned approval upon the applicants granting any necessary easements for County storm drains and public utility facilities within the right-of-way; and the applicants recording a new record plat of abandonment incorporating the former right-of-way within 24 months of the County Council's approval of this abandonment.
- 11. The County Executive recommends approval of the proposed abandonment.

## **Action**

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, finds that the portion of Blaisdell Road proposed for abandonment between Burning Tree Road and a point 40' east of the Davies' western boundary (as shown on the attached Tax Map GN43) may be needed for public use in the future, and so the request for abandonment is not approved.

This is a correct copy of Council Action.

Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

